

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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SALE OF ADULTERATED PETROL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that adulterated petrol has been sold by the petrol pumps in some districts of Gujarat and Maharashtra with the help of officials of oil companies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government against such officials and petrol pumps owners?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (c) :- Oil Marketing PSUs are not aware of adulterated petrol being sold by retail outlet dealers in Gujarat and Maharashtra with the help of officials of oil companies.

The Oil Marketing Companies carry out regular/surprise checks of retail outlets, to prevent various malpractices including adulteration. In addition, special drives are launched by the oil companies both on their own and also under direction of Government from time to time to check malpractices. Further, to prevent adulteration various steps like blue dyeing of kerosene (Public Distribution System), furfural doping, filter paper test, checking of retail outlets by mobile laboratories, etc. are undertaken by the oil companies.